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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 1, line 5 and ending at line 7.

The present invention relates to management of use of peripheral equipment such as a printer, a scanner, a copier and a facsimile.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 9, line 15 and ending at line 24.

In addition, reference numeral 6 denotes a directory server having a centralized management function of user information and device information on the network 10, and is comprised of a general purpose computer and so on. This director server 6 also has a KDC KDS (Key Distribution Server) function in a Kerberos protocol (RFC1510) and issues a TGT (Ticket Generation Ticket) ticket and an access ticket required for accessing a specified resource in compliance with regulations of the Kerberos protocol.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 11, line 4 and ending at line 11.

Reference numeral 15 denotes a FAX board for implementing a FAX function of performing communication control such as sending and receiving images, and is controlled by the controller 11. Reference numeral 16 denotes a user interface comprised of an

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LCD display and a keyboard, and displays information from the controller 11 and communicates an instruction from the user to the controller 11.